

## **Post-Event Summary Report**

**Name of Event:** Pre-WHCoA Statewide Event

**Date of Event:** June 23, 2005

**Location of Event:** Holiday Inn, Kearney, Nebraska

**Number attending:** 22

**Sponsoring Organizations:** NE Association of Area Agencies on Aging Directors  
State Unit on Aging

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A compilation of the past regional events was presented. Priority issues that emerged from this final event provided further support to the priority issues, which had already been identified.

### **Priority Issue #1: Health and Long-Term Living**

❑ Dominant themes:

- Education about finances, assistance for older people in budgeting their finances
- Decreased costs for prescription drugs
- Long term care insurance
- Universal Medicare coverage
- Government assistance in education people to become gerontologists

### **Priority Issue #2: Our Community**

❑ Dominant themes:

- Transportation is the highest unmet need
- Affordable housing
- Incentives to local communities to plan for meeting the needs of the elderly
- Educate healthy older people to become home care givers
- Rural hospitals don't get the same reimbursement rates as in large cities
- Lack of rural health care in local communities

### **Priority Issue #3: Planning Along the Life Span**

- ❑ Dominant themes:
  - Education to prepare people for retirement
  - Adapting the work place for older people
  - Education for healthy living and prevention

### **Priority Issue #4: Work Place of the Future**

- ❑ Dominant themes:
  - Businesses need to accommodate employees whom care for older family members
  - Increase business/corporation tax incentives for employing more older people

### **Priority Issue #5: Social Engagement**

- ❑ Dominant themes:
  - Weekend transportation
  - Revamp senior centers
  - Involve churches
  - Enlighten the public and policy makers about the need for social engagement

### **Priority Issue #6: Market Place**

- ❑ Dominant themes:
  - Availability of/access to services
  - Marketing needs to address: young elderly, middle elderly, and senior elderly
  - Protect against deceptive advertising
  - Social Security needs to adequately address the needs